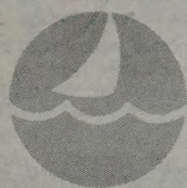


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Dion School Board meets

By Diane Parenteau
Fishing Lake Correspondent

Some concerns were voiced about guidance counselling at the Heinsburg school for Fishing Lake students.

J.F. Dion school board, staff members and interested parents discussed the situation at the monthly board meeting December 10.

Students are presently receiving only 1/2 day per week of counselling by J.F. Dion school counsellor aid Viola Dumont. Mrs. Joan Daniels, school board chairperson, concluded that after talking to several students and parents concerned, the consensus seemed to be that the 2 1/2 hours for the 35 students was insufficient.

Heinsburg School does not employ a certified guidance counselling teacher. School principal, Mr. Laverne Wilson, and library aid, Mrs. Young, assist the students with subject choices and advise them on which program to follow.

"Parents are not being consulted to discuss with the principal and students about what subjects the child will attend" said one parent. Another felt that the children are "losing education available to them without parents and students knowing it".

In senior high grades, only three students from grade ten are currently enrolled in the advanced (matriculation) program, with only one in grade eleven and none in grade twelve.

J.F. Dion special education instructor Brian Tucker noted an interesting figure. "There are 250,000 different jobs available in North America today," said Tucker.

A qualified certified guidance teacher could give aptitude tests to the children, discuss various career choices and give the students a clear path to follow.

School board member Bruce Desjarlais said, "Students have no goals to follow. They become discouraged and eventually drop out of school altogether."

The local school board will ask the Northland Corporate Board to hire a

full-time certified guidance teacher to work at the Heinsburg School for the students of Fishing Lake.

December 30 was originally sited as the completion date for construction on the J.F. Dion School. That date has been moved back 1 1/2 - 2 weeks because of a delay on some finishing material. With this in mind, the school board is looking at a tentative date in March to hold the grand opening.

A committee will be formed to organize a grand opening program. The temporary committee will consist of a handful of interested community members. They will be responsible for planning and seeing through the official grand opening.

The present ECS program is currently being evaluated. In the past 3 years there have been more children not ready to start Grade 1. Many of them turn 6 only after Christmas and are not mature enough for school.

This year the ECS program in Fishing Lake had just enough enrollment to operate. A minimum of 5 children is required before funding will be made available.

Recently an Early Childhood Services committee met with the Minister of Education. The minister was not previously aware of the problems many of the smaller communities are having with low enrollment at the ECS level.

It costs approximately \$45-48,000 a year to run the ECS program including wages for a certified teacher. With a teachers aid, the sum is considerably less but still quite considerable.

Correction

In the article "Settlers Express Concerns" published Dec. 3, it was incorrectly reported that the trailer in question was owned by Northland School Division. The trailer purchased by council for \$1.00 was the property of Alberta Housing.

Auxiliary raffle draw

By Irene Magnusson

On Friday, December 12th, the latest rug raffle draw was made by Hospital Auxiliary members, at the Elk Point Hospital. Kim Saranchuk was the lucky first prize winner, receiving a lovely hand-hooked rug, in the "Nevada" pattern. Second prize was awarded to Rose Des-

jarlais, a hand-hooked wall hanging in the "Old Fisherman" pattern. The work had been done by former Elk Point Hospital patients, and all proceeds, which were in excess of \$300, were slated for equipment for the Pediatric Ward. Once again, the Auxiliary members thank all who helped make this effort a success.

Break and entry

On Saturday 86 October 25 at 6:00 p.m., Wolanuk's Fashions and Foods Limited of ELK POINT, Alberta was secured for the weekend. On Monday 86 October 27 at 9:15 a.m., the owner discovered that over the weekend, a

culprit had broken a small window and entered the store stealing one man's black leather jacket.

The jacket was a "Rice Sportswear", size 44 with raglan sleeves and front slash pockets and close to a bomber style in length. The culprit left a black nylon jacket at the scene.

Anyone having any information on this incident, please contact Cst. MacKinnon at the Elk Point RMCP Detachment at 724-3829. Callers do not have to reveal their identity.



CERTAINLY I'VE BEEN A GOOD BOY — Elk Point businessman Doug McPherson tells Santa at Stedmans last Saturday. Daughter Crystal hopes Santa will be good to her, too.

The Town of

Elk Point

Notices & Information

Temporary Employment Opportunity
Elk Point Family and Community Support
Services Board invite applications for the
position of

SECRETARY

QUALIFICATIONS

- the successful applicant will possess a high school diploma with specialization in secretarial training.
- good typing skills, shorthand, bookkeeping, filing and other related office procedures.
- be a self-starter and enjoy meeting the public.

DUTIES / RESPONSIBILITIES

- act as secretary to the Director responsible for the operation of the F.C.S.S. Office.
- act as receptionist, secretary, file clerk/steno.

RENUMERATION

- Negotiable, based upon qualifications and experience.

This is a four month part-time position to commence Monday, January 19, 1987 and continue until the present employee returns from maternity leave, approximately four months.

Hours of work will be determined by the Board and the Director when the successful applicant is hired.

Written applications providing a full resume, references and expected starting salary will be accepted by the undersigned until 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 31, 1986.

TOWN OF ELK POINT
BOX 448
ELK POINT, ALBERTA
T0A 1A0

ATTENTION: Councillor Sandy Giffin, Chairman

Wedding

Announcements

RATH - MOORE

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Rath of St. Paul are proud to announce the marriage of their eldest daughter Shelley Lynn Rath to Mr. Sidney Moore.

Sidney and Shelley exchanged their vows on November 24th/86.

Christmas Choir

Sunday evening, December 14th, was chosen by the Elk Point Choir for their annual Christmas offering, and 7:30 p.m. saw the church pews well filled. The seventeen members of the

Choir filed into the uplifting urgings of "O Come All Ye Faithful", the ladies in navy gowns with white collars, the two male singers in navy.

Following the Call to Worship, a poem, "The Gift of Music" was read by Marjorie Carter.

The Choir offered "Do You Hear What I Hear", "A Light", "Follow Them To Bethlehem", "To Us Is Born", "Peace Carol", "The Snow Lay On The Ground", "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly", "All Poor Men And Humble", and "Gesu Bambino".

Intepersed were Scripture Readings by Donna Babcock, Ella Skawronski and Kathleen McAleese, while Prayers were offered by Lena Stepa.

The congregation joined with the Choir to sing "Every Star Shall Sing A Carol", "Away In A Manger", "Huron Carol", and "Silent Night". The candlelight Recessional was impressive. Marjorie Carter accompanied all singing, beautifully, on the piano.

All present were invited to a time of fellowship and lunch following the inspiring recital. The Choir is to be congratulated for the lovely interpretations they rendered.

The Town of

Elk Point

Notices & Information

Important Public Notice Payment of Municipal Taxes

A Reminder to all Property Owners in the Town of Elk Point

Property taxes are due and payable on or before December 31, 1986 to avoid 18% penalties on unpaid taxes January 1, 1987. It is costly to forget to pay your taxes on time!

The town office will be open to provide additional services on Monday, December 29, 1986, Tuesday, December 30 and Wednesday, December 31, 1986 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for your convenience in paying your property taxes.

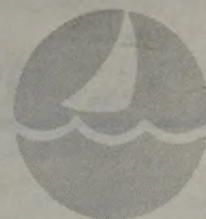
Payment of property taxes will also be accepted through the mail BUT must have a Canada Post Office "postmark date" no later than December 31, 1986.

DATED AT ELK POINT THIS 11th DAY
OF DECEMBER, A.D. 1986

L. Patrick Vincent
Municipal Administrator

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Seniors' transport proposal approved

A proposal to implement a transportation system for Elk Point's senior citizens was approved by the Family and Community Support Services Board this week, and the plan will be implemented immediately.

Beginning tomorrow, the Elks van will be used for a taxi system for senior citizens and disabled persons who live within the Elk Point Town limits. Each Thursday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. the van will pick up residents of the senior citizens homes and

Heritage Lodge, plus seniors and disabled living in private homes who have booked rides, and transport them to the Elk Point Co-op's location in downtown Elk Point. Later in the afternoon, the van will return to the Co-op to pick up its passengers for the return trip.

Passengers will pay a \$1 pick-up fee, with the balance of operating costs to be shared by the Elk Point Co-op and the Town of Elk Point.

Prospective passengers who live in private homes must call the FCSS office at 724-3800 between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to book a ride.

PLEASE NOTE: Because of Christmas Day and New Year's Day falling on Thursday, the van will operate on **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23** and **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30** instead of the regular days for those two weeks only.



AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FROM SANTA, MR. MAYOR? — Byron Mann chats with Santa at the Town of Elk Point Christmas social Saturday evening.

Holiday closure for Review

So that the staff of the Lakeland Review may enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holiday with their families, our office will be closed from noon on Christmas Eve, Wednesday, December 24, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 5, 1987.

We will be publishing as usual on Wednesday, December 24, with the normal deadlines in effect, but will not have a paper coming out the following week, on December 31. The next issue following the holidays will be printed on Wednesday, January 7, 1987.

Thank you for your cooperation, and the season's best from all of us at the Review.

PLEASE DROP IN FOR COFFEE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19, FROM 2 P.M. TO 5 P.M.

Collision claims life

Dennis Brosseau, 19, of Fishing Lake was killed early Sunday as a result of a vehicle-pedestrian collision on a district road approximately two kilometers east of Frog Lake Store.

Intense fog was the major contributing factor in the 12:15 a.m. mishap. Investigation by the Elk Point RCMP Detachment is continuing.



FULLEST LAP IN TOWN — Santa was a very popular visitor at the Elk Point Lioness Pre-Christmas Pancake Brunch last Saturday. Along with visits with

Santa, who distributed gingerbread men to the youngsters, those in attendance enjoyed endless stacks of pancakes with homemade syrup.

Wind-up meeting for Recreation and Cultural Board

Ten members of the Elk Point Regional Recreation and Cultural Board met last Tuesday evening to wind up the operations of that body, which will officially cease operations on December 31, 1986.

One of the main functions of the Board has been to assist local groups in filling out the necessary forms to apply for Community Recreation and Cultural grants, and to administer the overall application and distribution of funds. These operations will now be taken over by the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul, and groups wishing to apply should contact the Town office or their County councillors.

The Steve Kuziw Memorial Fund was also previously administered by the Rec. Board. This has been turned over to the Elk Point Elks Lodge, of which Kuziw was a member. Anyone wishing to apply for funding or to donate to the fund, which goes to help young people in sports, is invited to contact the Elks Lodge for further information.

Season for giving

It is truly heartwarming to see how the spirit of Christmas has encouraged groups and individuals to share with those less fortunate through such programs as Bumper to Bumper's "Show You Care, Give A Gift" drive, CHED's "Santas Anonymous" and St. Paul Knights of Columbus food hamper program.

In a "Gimmee, Gimmee" world, those who donated to these worthy causes show that they still remember the importance of giving.

Clubs are encouraging members to bring a gift for a child to their pre-Christmas meetings, rather than exchanging gifts with other members. Parents are taking their children to buy a gift for the donation barrels along with gifts for their brothers and sisters. Shoppers are adding a few items to their grocery baskets and

depositing them in the food hamper depots.

You don't have to be rich to give to these causes. A small toy will seem like much more to some youngster who would otherwise have nothing. A box of macaroni dinner will taste good to someone with an empty cupboard. That bottle of perfume someone gave you last year that is still sitting unopened in your drawer because you just can't stand that brand would add a touch of feminine glamor to someone's drab life.

Remember the poor shepherd boy, who took the baby Jesus all he had to give: his lamb, and how the Baby valued this above the riches brought by the Magi?

Blessed are those who give to help others less fortunate ... and may their Christmas be enriched by their generosity.



THEY CARE — Darlene Arndt of the Elk Point Oilettes presents Reg Young of Bumper to Bumper with a huge carton of gifts for distribution to the less fortunate. The gifts were collected at the Oilettes' Christmas party in lieu of a gift exchange.

Just for you
at Christmas

I wonder if - you know the real reason
I send you a card, every year at this season.

Do you think it's a habit, I just can't break?
Or something I do, just for custom's sake.

I think I should tell you, it's something more
For to me - Christmas opens the Friendship Door.

And I find myself reaching across the year
And clasping the hand of somebody dear.

To me, it's a link I wouldn't want broken
That binds us together, when words are unspoken.

For oft through the year, we have to forego
Exchanging good wishes with those we know.

But Christmas opens the Door of the Heart -
And whether we're close, or far apart,

When I write your name I think of you
And pause and reflect, and always renew

The bond that exists, since we first met -
And I found you somebody I couldn't forget.

Anon

How to be
a Christmas mom

If Christmas brings a headache
And all your courage takes
You're trying much too hard, love.
Slow up, for all your sakes.

By Irene Magnusson

No need to search out every speck,
To wash the whole house clean
Give more time to your loved ones;
The corners won't be seen.

How much more inviting
With smiles upon our faces,
Than worn-out mother with a frown
But things tucked in their places.

Prepare your soul for laughter,
Count each moment with them dear,
They'll soon forget the polished floor
But never the smile, love and cheer.

Know your by-laws

By Ralph Riemer
Bylaw Enforcement Officer

This week, I would like to refresh everyone's memory regarding some sections of Bylaw No. 432/86 which refer to "Animal Control", specifically dogs.

This is an ever-present and ongoing problem in our town, and cooperation on the part of every dog owner is required and requested.

To best express the requirements, I shall present actual excerpts from the bylaw, so that you may all govern yourselves accordingly.

The first section pertains to dogs running at large or visiting public areas or another person's property.

1(a)(1). Notwithstanding the provisions of this or any other bylaw of the Town of Elk Point, no person who is the harbourer of any dog shall, from and after the coming into force of this bylaw, allow such dog to run at large in the Town of Elk Point.

1(a)(2). For the purpose of this bylaw, a dog shall be deemed to be running at large if it is upon any public street, lane or highway unless the dog is on a leash and under the direct charge and control of a competent and responsible person.

1(a)(3). No dogs are allowed on any Public Park, School Yard or upon the premises of any person other than the premises of its owner or harbourer, unless permission is granted for same from the owner of the premises.

The "voluntary payment" fine for the above offenses is quite steep and if it has to go to court, the fine is still steeper. I am sure we can spend our money in a better fashion.

Section 2 pertains to licencing, which is a must. If your dog is running loose and has no licence attached, don't be surprised at a sudden disappearing act.

2. Every person who resides within the corporate limits of the Town of

Elk Point, the owner of a dog, shall forthwith (if he has not already registered said dog for the current year) and hereafter between the 1st and 31st days of January in each year, procure such dog to be numbered, described and registered for the then current year commencing the 1st day of January, in the Town Office and shall procure from the Bylaw Officer a metallic check upon registration.

Section 18, as stated below, is self-explanatory, and action will be taken on complaints of this type.

18. In addition to any other penalty prescribed by this bylaw, any person who is in possession of or harbouring any dog which shall by excessive barking or howling or by chasing or barking at any vehicle on a street, or in any other way or manner disturb the quiet of any person or persons whomsoever, shall be deemed guilty of an infraction of this bylaw.

Every dog owner loves his own dog much more than his neighbor does,

and especially the dogs' unsolicited presence — and 'presents' — on the neighbor's lawn.

To keep EVERYONE happy, please abide by the regulations in this bylaw.

POSTSCRIPT TO LAST WEEK'S COLUMN — Please note, that by phoning 724-4314, you can have your sidewalk cleaned at a very modest price.



From the Sergeant's Desk

By Sgt. Jim Fell

As of Monday the 15th of December, the Elk Point Detachment has embarked on its Annual IMPAIRED DRIVING PREVENTION Campaign. We will be concentrating on the Christmas Party Crowd and particularly on the Happy Hour Crowd, that is the 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. time period, so don't be surprised to see a CHECKSTOP set up in the early part of the evening.

I have spoken to all the Licensed Premises owners in the Town of Elk Point and they will be participating in the DESIGNATED DRIVER pro-

gram. If you are the DESIGNATED DRIVER, that is you are staying sober to drive your friends, the proprietor will supply FREE non-alcoholic drinks to you. The participating premises are: the Elk Point Hotel, the Empress Fireside Lounge, Hollies Restaurant and Lounge, Dave's Pizza, the Elk Point Burger Bar, and the Elk Point Curling Club. I wish to congratulate these business people for their thoughtful community mindedness.

A word of caution, serving alcoholic beverages in the back office of a Business Premise without a permit is illegal. HAVE A SAFE WEEK.



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Enthusiastic crowds cheer on Elks

Centennial League Hockey action drew enthusiastic crowds to the A.G. Ross AgriCentre twice this weekend, as the Elks took on the Lac La Biche Clippers on Friday night and Bonnyville Pontiacs on Sunday night, for a pair of fast-paced games.

The Elks were not successful in either contest, but they were definitely right in their trying, not slackening their pace until the final buzzer sounded.

Elks 4, Clippers 6

Lac La Biche took an early lead in Friday's game, with Randy Cook and Leon Bastarache racking up two first period goals off assists by Kevin Kearns and Victor Auger. In the second period, the Elks tied up the score with goals by Kerry Loughran and Anthony Kondla, the first goal unassisted and the second assisted by Willie Lesyk and Ken Langdone.

The third period was busy for both goalies. Lac La Biche's Jim Andruchow sent a slapshot the full length of the ice and straight past an astonished John Charlton into the Elks net for an unassisted goal. Andruchow did an instant replay from a bit closer in just a minute and 14 seconds later, off an assist by Luc Bastarache to bring the Clippers two goals ahead.

Two Elks power play goals, by Murray Cochrane, assisted by John Wozniak and Troy Lorenson, and by Lorenson assisted by Delwin Slem,

brought the score back to a tie position.

The final minutes of the game were put to good advantage by Lac La Biche, as they made two more goals. Leon Bastarache was assisted by Brent Ferguson and Luc Bastarache in the first of the pair, while Kevin Kearns was assisted by Ferguson and Dennis Faucher in the second.

Only 35 penalty minutes were recorded for the entire game.

Elks 4 - Pontiacs 8

This looked like another see-saw game at the start with two Bonnyville goals, by George Moore, assisted by Gilles Choquet, and by Denis Fontaine unassisted, followed by two Elks goals, by Murray Cochrane, assisted by Troy Lorenson and Keith Campbell, and by Delwin Slem, assisted by Lorenson, equalling a tied 2 - 2 score at the end of the first period.

Bonnyville, however, dominated the second period, with goals by Choquet, Jacques Bouget and Roy John coming off assists by Fontaine, Brian Popowich, Glen Dutaute and Maclean to give the Pontiacs a three goal lead. Bonnyville lost Choquet for the balance of the game in the last minute of play when he was assessed a game misconduct and a high sticking penalty after a brief scuffle.

Troy Lorenson put the Elks back on the scoreboard in the second period

with a pair of unassisted goals, however the Pontiacs kept up the onslaught and slapped home three of their own, with Bouget, Maclean and John doing the scoring, with assists by McMartin, Fontaine, John and Guy Vincent.

Action was especially lively toward

the end of the third period, when multiple wrestling matches got underway and sent three players from each team to the showers with game misconducts, plus another 14 minutes in assorted penalties. Another incident in the last few seconds of the game ended in a pair of

5-minute fighting penalties for the combatants.

Elks Hockey action resumes tonight in Elk Point, when they take on Lac La Biche for a game postponed several weeks ago. Come on out and cheer the Elks on to victory!

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- * GREGG'S FAMILY SHOPPING
CENTRE (MACLEODS)
- * STEDMANS
- * CAPITOL I.D.A. DRUGS

CENTENNIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	G.P.	W	L	T	Pts	Goals For	Goals Against	Total Pim
Bonnyville	8	7	0	1	15	63	33	295
Goodfish	9	5	4	0	10	61	71	375
Lac La Biche	8	3	4	1	7	61	50	278
Cold Lake	9	3	6	0	6	55	70	317
Elk Point	6	1	5	0	2	29	43	316

TOP 10 SCORERS

Name	Team	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim
John-Guy Poitras	Cold Lake	9	19	14	33	34
Darryl Martin	Lac La Biche	8	12	14	26	26
Leon Bastarache	Lac La Biche	8	9	14	25	8
Dan Houle	Goodfish	7	8	14	22	20
Wayne Cunningham	Lac La Biche	7	13	6	19	12
Joe Halfe	Goodfish	5	10	8	18	8
Roy John	Bonnyville	6	10	7	17	2
Dennis Fontaine	Bonnyville	8	8	8	16	16
*Marty Galvin	Cold Lake	9	10	5	15	24
*Troy Lorenson	Elk Point	5	6	9	15	18

* in order of most goals

TOP 10 SINNERS

Name	Team	GP	G	A	Pts	Pim
Jeff Buck	Elk Point	5	0	3	3	68
Glenn McNaughton	Cold Lake	3	1	1	2	46
Murray Cochrane	Elk Point	6	6	5	11	45
George Moore	Bonnyville	7	1	4	5	39
Fred Cardinal	Goodfish	7	6	7	13	37
Danny Kondla	Elk Point	6	3	4	7	35
*John-Guy Poitras	Cold Lake	9	19	14	33	34
*Bobby Houle	Goodfish	7	5	8	13	34
*Dennis Faucher	Lac La Biche	8	4	5	9	34
*Willie Lesyk	Elk Point	5	1	1	2	34

IMPERIAL LUMBER FLYER CORRECTION

Page 1, B Grade Pine, dimensions; 1'x6' bundles

PAGE 12, PROPANE TORCH BOTTLE

Regular \$3.99, Sale **\$3.29**

PAGE 14, WELDWOOD PLUSWOOD

Regular \$7.95, Sale..... **\$6.49**

PAGE 15, BLUEPRINT OF GAINFORD HOME INCORRECT

Actual home not as shown.

Imperial Lumber would like to apologize
for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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Motts, 1.36 litres **2.09**

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Sun Rype, Blue Label, 1 litre **99¢**

POTATO CHIPS

Old Dutch, 200 gram box **1.09**

CHOCOLATE CANDIES

200 grams **1.49**

NABOB COFFEE

200 grams **1.99**

WHITE SUGAR

4 kg **2.79**

MARGARINE

Red Leaf, 907 grams **1.39**

These Prices In Effect Until December 31st, 1986

HOLIDAY HOURS: Christmas Eve open 'til 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

New Year's Day 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

SPECIAL NOTE TO CUSTOMERS — For those of you who still possess
the Promotion Glass Coupons ... expiry date is December 31st, 1986.

Phone 724-3871

Elk Point, Alta.

Elk Point Elks Lodge No. 460

New Year's Eve Frolic

Wed., Dec. 31, Elks Community Hall, Elk Point

Dance - 9:00 p.m.; Music by "River Road".

Admission \$22.50/person.

Includes Dance, Midnight Supper and Refreshments.

No minors. Members and invited guests only!!

Tickets available at Phil's Allied Hardware.



BROWNIES AND GUIDES GO CAROLLING — Elk Buckingham House and Heritage Lodge last Thursday Point Brownies and Guides visited Fort George Manor evening. on their annual carolling outing. They also visited

Amoco Canada
Petroleum Company Ltd.
commissioned
Ramsay and Associates Consulting Services Ltd.
in February, 1986 to undertake an
assessment of Public Perceptions
of Amoco Canada's Elk Point
Heavy Operation.

The survey, along with the results
are available to the Public
at Amoco Canada's Field Office.

For further information
please call Don Chalmers
at 724-4329.

The Town of

Elk Point

Notices & Information

SENIOR CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION
VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The Town of Elk Point through the Family and Community Support Services Board is initiating a local transportation service for senior citizens, handicapped and disabled residents within the municipal limits.

Volunteer drivers are required on Thursday afternoons between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in order to make this program a success.

Individuals with a good driving record, an interest in volunteering their time for a worthy community endeavor and a few free hours on Thursday afternoons will find volunteer participation in this program gratifying and personally rewarding.

If you have the above qualifications we would be very interested in discussing the program further with you.

For more information and to volunteer your time and services contact the Family and Community Support Services Office at 724-3800.

Ukrainian Orthodox Church bingo

Mrs. Nick Pelech — \$18; Jean Russel — \$7; John Palinka — \$7; Pearl Slywka — \$7; Pearl Slywka — \$20; Betty Melnyk — \$20; Alf Fakeley — \$20; Ed Melnyk — \$20; Bill Dewey — \$9; Kate Boyko — \$9; Mrs. Pete Zacharuk — \$17; Mike Stuparyk — \$17; Alf Fakeley — \$17; Wanda Hudy — \$9; Pearl Anderson — \$9; Mary Kinjerski — \$20; Frank Zarowny — \$20; Liz Lawrence — \$20; Olga Tomkow — \$20; Edna Kryz — \$20; Lil Buksa (Jackpot Cons) — \$20; Gordon Havaruk (No. 7) — \$56; Wanda Hudy — \$4; Bev Bepalko — \$4; Olga Tomkow — \$4; Debbie Frazer — \$4; Debbie Frazer — \$4; Stan Dmytrash — \$4; Ken Franson — \$4; Stan Jendruk — \$4; Andrew Bugera — \$7; Nancy Woytowich — \$7; Betty Melnyk — \$7; Gordon Havaruk — \$7; Joe Melnyk — \$7; Olga Melnyk — \$18; Ed Melnyk — \$18; Nellie Merrick — \$36; Jenny Andriaschuk — \$9; Anita Ballas — \$9; Mary Kinjerski — \$9; John Maksymec — \$9.

Elks bingo

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But a party is a party. And most of us do use alcohol as a part of our socializing. Don't we owe it to ourselves and those we care about to leave the car at home? We can call a cab. Or arrange a ride with a friend who we

know won't be drinking. All of us realize that drinking and driving is a mix we can do without.

Times have changed. Now we know that we can have more fun at the party when we're not worried about how to get home. We've also learned that we don't have to drink to have a good time. Today we can choose something non-alcoholic without being anti-social.

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Petroleum scholarships

Two scholarships were established in 1986 by the Lloydminster and District Heavy Oil Section of the petroleum Society of CIM to provide financial assistance for students entering a technical program at college and university.

The CIM is a non-profit technical organization providing a forum for technology exchange in the industry. The heavy oil section is bounded by Provost, Elk Point, Ft. McMurray, Cold Lake, Meadow Lake, North Battleford and Wainwright, and is

dedicated to promoting the heavy oil industry.

The CIM Heavy Oil District congratulates Brent Large of Czar, Alberta, who is the recipient of the W. Hamish Garland award for \$1,000.00. Brent graduated in 1986 from Hughenden High School and has entered Engineering Science Technology at S.A.I.T. Furthermore, congratulations are extended to Douglas Kruger of Medley, Alberta, who is the recipient of the Donald W.

Thomson award for \$2,000.00. Douglas graduated from Bonnyville Composite High School in 1986 and has entered Engineering at the University of Alberta.

The technical college scholarship has been named the W. Hamish Garland award and the University scholarship has been named the Donald W. Thomson award, in recognition of their contributions to the oil industry and the community in the Heavy Oil District.

Tulliby Lake 4-H notes

By Pamela Chamberlain
Club Reporter

The Tulliby Lake 4-H Multi Club held its organizational meeting for the 1986/87 year on October 21, 1986 at the school. The elected officials for the club are as follows: President — Kerri Parker; Vice-President — Lori Nelson; Secretary — Kari Barstad; Treasurer — Sheri Noble; and Club Reporter — Pam Chamberlain. The leaders are: Club Leader — Al Noble; Beef Project Leader — Al Noble; Assistant — Ralph Chamberlain; Clothing Project Leader — Glenna Ward (Unit III); Assistant — Marie Barstad (Unit II); Darlene Brind and Jean Franklin (Unit I); Foods Project Leader — Gloria Chamberlain; Poultry Project Leader — Glenna Ward. There are 18 members and 4 peewees this year in the projects Clothing, Foods, Poultry, or Beef. After the general meeting the projects had separate meetings. The Foods and Sewing planned their year.

The Foods picked Jerome for their representative to the multi club and the Clothing picked Heather. The Beef discussed insurance, set a steer weigh day, and planned their barn display. They picked Tracey for their representative.

The November monthly meeting was held on Nov. 5. We set a day to cut Christmas trees and decided that at each meeting members in groups of two would do a demonstration. The representatives from each project gave a report. After the general meeting, the Beef set feed prices and weight ranges. The Foods planned what they would cook at the next meeting. The Clothing did color draping.

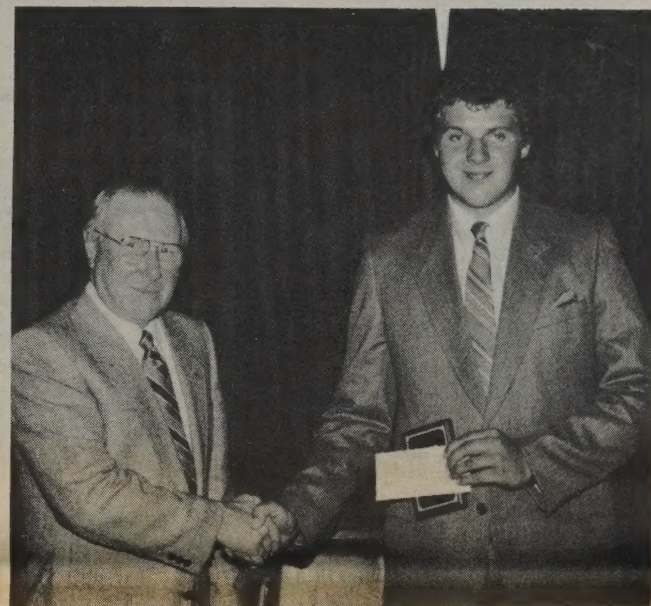
On November 15, the steers were weighed. Thanks go to Doug Cooke for the use of his scales. On November 12, the Sewing held a workshop. They drew names for their Christmas party and took measurements.

On December 3, we held our monthly meeting at the Communiplex. We had interesting demonstrations on "Drawing" (Elsia and Pam) and "How to Make a Paper Airplane" (Jason and Jerome). Joan McArthur has offered to come and show a film on public speaking and she will be at our next meeting. We had reports from the project reps. Pamela, Jerome, and Sara Chamberlain were presented with plaques for winning first for the Sr. Clothing, Jr. Beef, and Jr. Clothing respectively in the District Project Book Competition. After the general meeting, the Beef discussed the weigh day and possibilities for our Achievement Day. The Sewing Unit I learned cotton care, Unit II learned how to crochet, and Unit III learned to knit. The Foods treated us to hot chocolate, cream- whip, and crackers and dip.

Our next meeting is January 9 at the Communiplex.



DON THOMSON (LEFT) — Presenting scholarship to Douglas Kruger (right).



HAMISH GARLAND (LEFT) — Presenting scholarship to Brent Large (right).

Another record WGSA payment

By Don Mazankowski, M.P.

A final payment of \$279 million under the Western Grain Stabilization Act for the 1985-86 crop year has been announced by my colleague, the Honourable Charles Mayer, Canadian Wheat Board Minister.

Close to 80 percent of prairie grain farmers participate in the voluntary Western Grain Stabilization Program, which they jointly fund with the federal government. The program, established in 1976, is designed to assist growers when net cash flow from grain and oilseed sales falls below the average of the past five years. The Act was amended in February, 1985, to allow for interim payments.

In April, 1986, an interim payment of \$580 million was made for the 1985-86 stabilization period. Together

with the final payment, this means farmers will receive a total of \$859 million. This is the largest payout in the 10 year history of the program.

Everything is in place to have the more than 135,000 cheques in the mail starting December 5.

By province, farmers will share in the final payment and total benefit as follows:

	1985-86 Final Payment \$ million	1985-86 Total Payment \$ million
Manitoba	47	145
Saskatchewan	156	480
Alberta	74	228
B.C. / other	2	6
	279	859

The 1985-86 payout returned about \$5.10 in benefits for every \$1 levy a farmer paid into the program from January 1, 1983, to July 31, 1986. In-

dividual farmers who paid the maximum levy during this period received just over \$11,000 as their share of the interim payment last spring and will get a further \$5,400 as a final payment.

A farmer who has paid the individual maximum levy of \$8,325 since the program began will have received a total of \$36,750 in stabilization payments for a benefit of \$4.40 per levy dollar paid.

This payment should not be confused with the government's \$1 billion aid package for grain farmers. Consultations on that package are progressing and an announcement will be made in the near future.

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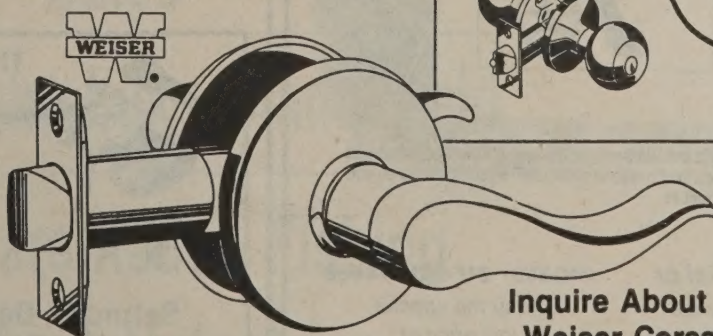
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4-H Light Horse Club report

By Michael Estey
Club Reporter

The first meeting of the year for the Saddle Slickers was held on November the 18th, 1986 at the Kenyon residence. There were 17 members in attendance. Our elected officers are: President - Kathy Stone, Vice President - Kim Kirk, Secretary - Shelly Bepalko, Treasurer - Shaun Blize, Librarian - Lori Aarbo, and Club Reporter - Michael Estey.

After some discussion it was decided to attend the 4-H Christmas party to be held at the Windsor Club on Dec. 21 and to bake cookies for the senior citizens. We also decided that our next meeting would be held on Dec. 9.

I think that the year has come to a great start and hope it will keep going the same way.



OILMEN'S ASSOCIATION DONATES — Dale Appleton of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association presents Wayne Smith of the Elk Point Curling Club with a cheque for the purchase of ceiling fans for the curling rink.

Curling Club installs new fans

Six new ceiling fans were recently installed in the Elk Point Curling Club, thanks to generous contributions toward their purchase and installation by several companies and individuals, as well as the Elk Point Oilmen's Association, which contributed \$486 for purchase of the fans.

Petro-Tec Electric Limited and Bouchard Electric supplied conduit, wiring and accessories for the installation of the units. Manhandlers Alberta Rental Ltd. donated the use of a manlift necessary to reach the heights of the curling rink ceiling, while Byers Transport and Paul Arn-

dt supplied the pick-up and delivery of the manlift.

Tim Holliday and Terry Rae installed the fans free of charge, with the assistance of a number of club members.

The Curling Club wishes to extend warm thanks to all those who contributed toward the purchase and installation of the fans, which they hope will improve ice conditions for the coming season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Elk Point Curling Club.

Clandonald News

By Shirley Osinchuk
Clandonald Correspondent

This is the last "News" before Christmas. With my family I want to wish all of you a very Happy Christmas, filled with peace of mind, and love for all.

Recently, Mr. Joe Gartner and Mr. Peter Mudryk have passed away. We offer our sincere sympathy to their families and friends. We also remember with love the friends and families of others in our community who have passed away in the past few weeks.

The Dec. 4 issue of the "Western People" magazine in the Western Producer, has the second of a two-part story written by Irene Edgar. Mrs. Edgar, who lives in Red Deer, is the sister of Mrs. Marion Molineux. Mrs. Molineux, toward the end of a long, productive life, offered all her stories about the Landonville area to the committee which later produced the "Landonville Trails" book.

In the same magazine, there is a story about a young man who lived in

Hazeldine in the early '40's. Gordon Engjoi has overcome the physically and mentally crippling effects of polio to become an important part of the community in Killam. His father, Chris, was section foreman for the CPR while they lived here.

Check the calendar of events in this issue for the times of Christmas Concerts and Church services for the next week.

"For unto us is born this day ... a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." Merry Christmas to you all.

Christmas Dates

Dec. 18 — Heinsburg School Concert, 1:30 p.m.; Clandonald School Concert, 7:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 — Landonville Christmas Concert, 2 p.m.; Potluck supper, 5 p.m.; Dewberry United Church, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Dewberry United Church Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.; St. Columba Church, 11:00 a.m.; Greenlawn Church, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Church, 11:30 a.m.; Bible Fellowship Church, 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 24 — Bible Fellowship Church, potluck supper, 5:30 p.m.; Family Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 p.m.; Catholic Church, Clandonald, 8:00 p.m., and 12:00 a.m.

Dec. 25 — Dewberry Catholic Church, 9:30 a.m.; Derwent Catholic Church, 11:00 a.m.



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United Church Women meet

By Grace Pinder

The Dec. meeting of the U.C.W. was held in the church hall with a small attendance due to choir practice the same evening.

Minutes of the Nov. meeting and treasurer's report were read and

adopted as read.

Reports were given on our recent bazaar which was very successful. With the proceeds we were able to make various donations to needy causes. We wish to thank all those who contributed to the novelty and

bake tables, also to those who helped in the kitchen and serving tea.

A letter was read regarding the Fall Conference which was held in Edmonton. One main concern of the meeting was the sale of Sarasoda, the new beverage which contains 1/5 the alcohol content of beer. We can find this beverage in our stores in Elk Point where children of all ages can buy it with no questions asked. This is something we should all be concerned with and taking our concerns to the proper authorities.

Used stamps and glasses are still being received.

A cash donation was sent to the Bissell Center in Edmonton. There is a box in the church for donations of non-perishable foods which will be taken to Edmonton where folks not as fortunate as we are can get help. The center is prepared to serve a New Year's dinner to 1000 people.

Some much needed wiring has been done in the kitchen and we also have a shiny new tea kettle.

The meeting was adjourned and the choir joined us for coffee and delicious Christmas goodies served by Doreen, Bea and Ila.



THE ELK POINT LIONS CLUB

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Prior to this event, the Elk Point Oilmen's Association arranged to have "Santa Claus" pay a special visit. Santa will be in the Elk Point Co-op parking lot at 12:00 noon. So bring the children in for a visit with Santa and follow through to the theatre!!

Happy Holidays



Lakeland Review



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Juvenile reindeer

By Kate Arnold

Santa's red-nosed reindeer
Had a bright red nose;
He practiced all his ski-jumps
On the Arctic snows.

Rudolph was a show-off
Vixen was his Mom
Blitzen was his Daddy —
But Rudolph was so dumb!

He tried to curry favor
With tired Mr. Claus,
To let him be way out in front
Ignoring "Gees!" and "Haws!"

He had no horns to speak of
And he wore bells on his toes,
He danced and pranced like smarty
pants
So Santa pulled his nose!

Was his face red? Indeed it was,
So he was left at home;
On Christmas Eve smart Santa Claus
In front put Dad and Mom!

I thought you might like to use this
little poem written a few years ago by
my mother, who is just now finishing
her 94th year. She could always see
the other side of the story, especially
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CHRISTMAS AT HERITAGE LODGE — Residents of Heritage Lodge invited families and friends to a gala pre-Christmas supper at Heritage Lodge last Wednesday,

with an evening of entertainment to follow, which included a visit from Santa and his elves.

When Santa got stuck in the chimney

By Corrine Minish

Grade 4, Clandonald School

It was Christmas Eve and time to go to bed. I fell asleep in less than 5 minutes.

Three hours later, I heard "Thump, boom, crash, creak."

What's that?

I got out of bed and went downstairs. And I saw a big bag of toys just like Santa's bag at the bottom of the chimney. I moved the bag of toys and looked up the chimney. I saw a person wearing a red suit. I

yelled, "What are you doing in the chimney, Dad?"

"I am not your Dad, and I happen to be stuck."

"You're a good liar, Dad,"

"Well, go to your father's room — he's asleep." So I went to my Father's room. He was asleep. I was so surprised I almost fell down the stairs.

"Is your father asleep?"

"Yes."

"So I am Santa."

"I guess — I just never believed in you before."

"Now you do."

"Yes."

"Can you help me get out?"

"Sure can."

So finally Santa got out and gave us our gifts and went home.



GOODIE SHOP — The home baking table at the Ukrainian Dance Club's Christmas tea, bake sale and bazaar proved very popular, with eager shoppers stocking up on holiday goodies.

Christmas is...

By Gregory Allan Yaceyko

Grade 4, Clandonald School

Christmas is a fragrance,
That is always in the air.
When you smell the fragrance,
It is always everywhere.
Christmas is a sound,
With carolers so bright,
With those beautiful songs they sing
On this very Christmas night.
Christmas is a taste,
With candy canes so sweet.
Our mom usually makes them,
They really are a treat.
Christmas is a sight,
With stocking and toys.
Santa comes around each year,
For all the girls and boys.

Fill stockings with books

By Irene Magnusson

Looking for a last minute stocking stuffer? How about a neat little book, by a former Elk Pointite, "Julie the Great, Wonder Dog of the North and Stuff Like That" by Ruth Andrishak.

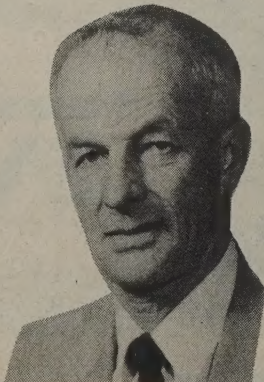
Small enough to go into a stocking, it still packs an interesting little tale. The book was published in 1986 by the Calgary Bull Terrier Club; and is printed and illustrated in full color by its author.

Andrishak has a keen sense of humor, and tells her tale through the eyes of the little white Bull Terrier, Julie. Look for "Julie the Great" in the office of the Lakeland Printing, in Elk Point.

SHARE THE WARMTH OF Christmas

Christmas time has once again arrived. This is a very special time of year. Everyone is brought closer together to participate in the excitement and spirit of the festivities at hand. Families and co-workers, friends and neighbors - all of us share in the warmth and happiness that Christmas brings.

Christmas means many things to people but above all, Christmas is a time for giving and a time for sharing. As we share with our family and friends during the Christmas season the challenge remains to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. Giving of yourself to those in need brings rewards which far exceed the gift and it is a fine way to truly experience the meaning of Christmas.



My wife, Gladys, joins me in wishing you a happy and fulfilling holiday season and all manner of good things in the coming year.

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F.G. Miller High-lights

By Tina Bjorkman, Grade 8

Welcome to our new column. Each week we will provide the public with news about the exciting events of F. G. Miller High.

It has been a busy week at F. G. Miller High. On the sports' scene, after-school volleyball has ended. Intermural volleyball is also wrapping up with its final games. Hopefully, basketball will soon be underway. Curling has started up on Tuesdays, running from 3:30 until 5:00 p.m. for all F. G. Miller High students and teachers. Skating has been postponed to the New Year due to lack of arena time.

Our library is currently having a book drive. If you have any suitable books for junior high or senior high students that you no longer need, to drop them off at the school library. Mrs. Courtier and the students will sure appreciate it.

A popular noontime activity these days seems to be chess. Mr. Boratynec's classroom is full of avid chess players and spectators every lunch hour. Five new chess sets have been recently purchased to meet the students' needs.

Mr. O'Neill has recently returned from a trip to Banff where he viewed a large number of social studies films. This is an evaluation process where teachers meet to decide which films should be made available for school use. Mr. O'Neill hasn't been watching many films since his

return.

The noon hot food sales are doing great. Maybe the cold weather has something to do with this. These sales range from fish and chips to chocolate pie. The hot food sales are looked after by the Special Ed. classes and the Grad class.

That's the news for this week as far as I know it. I hope I haven't missed anything.

By Jackie Gulayec
Grade 10

This week at F. G. Miller was full of awards, birthdays and Christmas activities. Basketball practices have begun as volleyball slowly comes to an end. On Dec. 9, the senior volleyball teams held their awards banquet, with awards going out to Joely Jenner and Danny Maas for most valuable players, Shelley Beazley and David Hellquist for most improved players, Karen Dion and Darwin Roscoe for rookies of the year. Both teams had an excellent season and it is unfortunate that awards couldn't be given to them all.

One of our teachers, Mr. Ray Hellquist, celebrated his birthday on Dec. 10.

On Wednesday our school held a career night for Grade 12 students and their parents. It was an excellent opportunity to decide on their future goals.

Our library's book drive is well underway, and if you have any books

you would like to donate, we'd be happy to accept them.

On Monday, Dec. 15, the Grade 10 students went on their annual Christmas carolling outing.

With only a week of school left until Christmas break, the students are becoming anxious and impatient. We hope that you all have a safe and Merry Christmas.

PEP program to aid six thousand

The Honourable Rick Orman, Minister of Career Development and Employment has announced that some 6000 unemployed Albertans will benefit from the Priority Employment Program (P.E.P.).

"In spite of recently announced government cutbacks", Mr. Orman explained, "job creation is still our first priority. To demonstrate this commitment, we have allocated an additional \$10 million to P.E.P., bringing the total to \$22 million. Once again, the government has shown its ability to be flexible and responsive to the needs of unemployed Albertans".

P.E.P., initially announced on September 4, had an application deadline of September 30, 1986. In light of the demand and the new funds, outstanding requests for positions are now being processed as quickly as possible, and should be completed within the next few weeks.

The Priority Employment Program operates from November to April 1987. The program creates employment opportunities in municipalities, non-profit organizations, native settlements and the provincial government.

"The 6000 jobs created this year," Mr. Orman explained, "will bring the total number of jobs created under the program since 1981 to 33,000."

Orman emphasized that the Priority Employment Program does more than create jobs. "We know that people who access the program will gain valuable experience, make new contacts and learn new skills which will help them obtain future employment."

Persons interested in the program are asked to visit any Alberta Career Development and Employment office or, outside Edmonton, call "0" and ask the operator for Zenith 22078.

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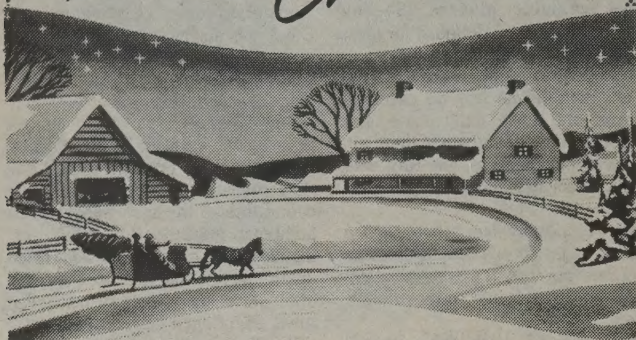
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STIRRING UP TRADITION — Margie (Brooker) Gascon, then aged 10 months, helps her grannie, Mrs. Margaret Stuble, with the Christmas baking. According to the old English tradition, every member of the household must stir the fruitcake and make a wish.

Applesauce fruitcake

By Vicki Brooker

Combine in a large saucepan:
3 cups applesauce (canned is fine, or a good way to use up wrinkled or bruised apples)
1 cup shortening or lard
2 cups white or brown sugar
Boil together for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, let stand until cool.

Mix together in 4-quart bowl:
1 lb. dates, chopped
1 lb. raisins
1 lb. tub mixed candied fruit
1 cup chopped nuts

Sift together:
4 1/2 cups flour
4 tsp. baking soda
1 tsp. nutmeg
2 1/2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves
1 tsp. salt

Combine flour and fruit mixtures, stirring until each piece of fruit is coated. Stir in cooled applesauce mixture. Turn into waxed paper-lined pans*. Bake at 250 degrees for about 2 hours, testing with toothpick. Remove baked cakes from pans, cool on rack. Store in plastic bags in cool place, or freeze.

* Makes either: 4 1-lb coffee cans; 4 foil loaf pans or 2 of either of above and either bundt or angelfood pan (bundt pan should be greased and floured).

Irene's favorite Christmas pie

By Irene Magnusson

Mincemeat-pumpkin pie

Christmas is truly a time for good eating, when we have family and special guests at our dining table. Most of us don't mind 'going all out' to prepare especially enjoyable food for our loved ones.

This dessert takes a few minutes of extra preparation — but believe me, it's worth every minute. (Make enough for seconds.)

2 large or 3 small unbaked pie shells (use frozen ones from the store — save your energy for fun)
2 cups mincemeat
1 large peeled apple, chopped apple slices

Mix chopped apple with mincemeat and spoon into unbaked pie shells, spreading evenly. Cover with one layer of thinly sliced apple.

Pumpkin custard

1 large can pumpkin
4 eggs, slightly beaten
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ginger
(optional: 1/4 tsp. mace, 1/4 tsp. nutmeg)
2 cups milk (or use half cereal cream)
1 tsp. vanilla

Mix above in order given, and pour over the apple layer. (Use a soup ladle.) Bake in 400 degree F oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 F and bake another 40 minutes. Sinfully good served warm or cold, with whip cream or dessert whip. Enjoy!

Cherry pound cake

By Shirley Osinchuk

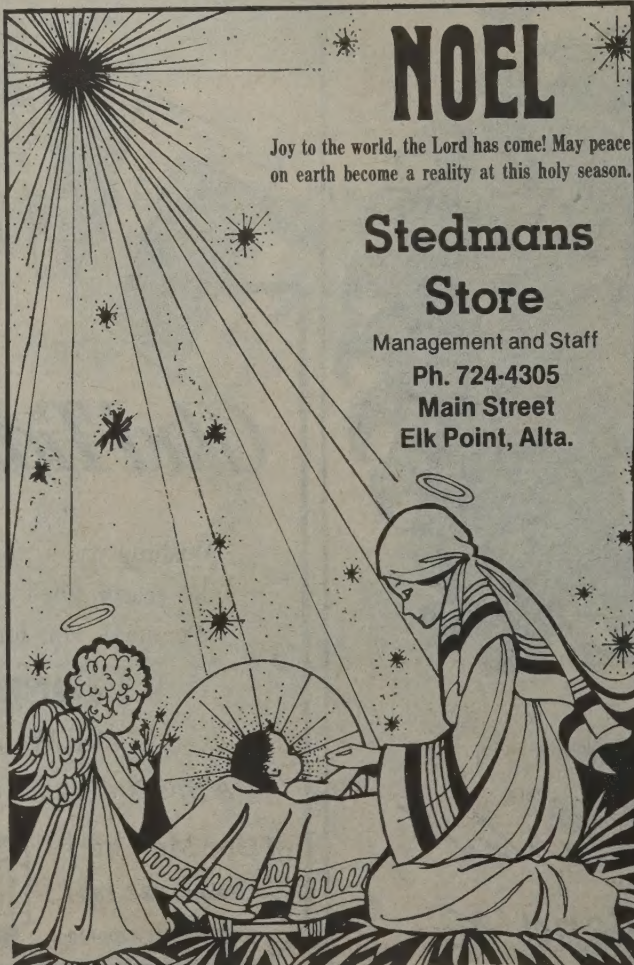
2 cups butter
2 cups sugar
1/2 tsp. b. powder
1/2 tsp salt
1 cups mixed peel, chopped
8 eggs
4 cups flour
1 tsp. vanilla or lemon extract
1 cup glazed cherries, halved

Cream butter, add sugar, and cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, unbeaten, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour, baking powder and salt, sifted together; then add flavouring. Fold in cherries and peel. Bake at 300 degrees in two loaf pans for 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours.

Christmas eve

By Carolyn Thomas
Grade 6, Clandonald School

The world is silent.
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How did Santa get the red suit?

By Irene Magnusson

Long ago- so long ago it really doesn't mean much to us anymore - the image of the Spirit of Christmas was the Good Saint Nickolas. His feast day was December 6th, and was much celebrated in England, where observations continued until December 29th. Some European countries marked the Eve of St. Nickolas by placing gifts for children in their shoes or stockings.

This was adopted by many as a Christmas Eve custom and the Saint was transformed into Santa Claus, from the Dutch Sant Nicolaus.

Clement Clark Moore, an American author and scholar, (1779 - 1863), who perhaps grew weary of his heavy work as he composed the first Hebrew and Greek lexicon (a dictionary of languages, and origins of words), did a little poetry on the side. One book published called "Poems", carried the now-famous story of "A Visit From St. Nickolas", more often called "Twas The Night Before Christmas". This was written and published in the early 1800s.

The idea of a Santa Claus with a sleigh, reindeer, and bag full of toys probably stems from that poem. Cer-

tainly, we never knew the reindeer before he gave them their names.

But Clement C. Moore was not responsible for the red suit, for he clearly states "- He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot", and, moreover - "- his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot". This from his habit of slithering down chimneys, no doubt.

That he was a cheerful rascal we know, from "His eyes - how they twinkled! His dimples - how merry!" and the cherry-like nose possibly indicated something we won't look at just now, but he was a clear promoter of pipe-puffing, as "The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, While the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath."

Nowhere does C.C. Moore mention a red suit, much less a red suit trimmed in white fur. Why, from his own words, it would have been all covered

with soot. But having given the good man a method of transportation, unrational as they are - (reindeer flying?) we now can all envisage him getting around with something akin to the speed of light - or perhaps the speed of radio signals - and thus we see the possibility that he can get to all the good little girls and boys, with his bag of goodies, on Christmas Eve.

If he misses a few million, in Africa, or India or south America - what to worry? He tried - and perhaps he didn't see those homes, if they weren't lit up.

The reindeer have held up very well, over the years, with only one addition, little Rudy. But where did Santa get his bright red suit? I think it a big improvement over the old all-fur model, much more colorful and vivid - more of a "Christmasy" color. I'm sure no one will ever ask him to revert to the old brown-black fur.

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Deep into December

By Irene Magnusson

We are deep into December when the snow lies all about - When the late sun skims the treetops with a golden frosted shout.

When the chickadee and blue jay cluster round the feeding bowl - And our footsteps on the walkway creak and grind the crispy cold.

When night comes down upon us with our day's work but half done - And the secrets in the cupboards says we're on the Christmas run...

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Christmas way back when

By Mildred Dunham
Ferguson Flats Correspondent

Christmas in those days did not mean lots of toys and goodies. Christmas meant a new dress after many hours of mother's work on the sewing machine under a coal oil lamp. The new shoes had to be mail ordered from Eaton's catalogue.

In my first years of school there was no such thing as buses, field trips or trips to the store for snacks. Happiness was getting a bag of goodies from Santa and a 99 cent gift from a "student exchange". If we were blessed with a generous teacher for the year, we got an extra gift. My Grade 2 teacher gave me a purple teddy bear which I treasured for many years. (My dog chewed it up last summer and I felt really sad as I threw its remains into the garbage.)

My oldest sister worked at Adlers department store in some far away place named Vegreville. In my child's mind, it was at least as far away as Australia. I would use my flood of tears so my mother would take me along (team and wagon) to

pick up my sister at the train depot at Lindbergh. There I would stand terrified as that speeding monster came down the tracks.

One Christmas my sister gave me two little books, "The Night Before Xmas" and a fairy tale. I read those books at least six times every day all winter.

Happiness was decorating a tree with my brothers and sisters, getting the drumstick for my share of the chicken and having a visitor drop by with news of the outside world.

There were two Christmases that I would just as soon forget. We received those dreaded things: a telegram telling us a loved one had passed away.

Christmas now seems to have taken on a new meaning, centred around the dollar. For some of us, it means buying a nickname from the second-hand store or Skolarchuks sale and hoping the friend we bought it for had not been there. It means trying to stretch the unemployment / welfare / pension check to buy a small turkey or ham and still pay bills. It means

telling your children Santa won't be coming because we got a good buy on something in the summer.

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Christmas then and now

By Diane Parenteau
Fishing Lake Correspondent

Christmas over the years has meant a lot of different things. In my earliest memories of the wintery holiday, I remember streamers of tinsel and garland stretched from corner to corner in our livingroom. Expandable foil stars and fold-up red crepe bells hung from doorways and ceiling fixtures.

I can remember Saturday afternoons when my dad would bring home the Christmas tree. We would stand it in the doorway on some newspaper and listen to the dripping as snow and icicles slowly melted off. Then mom would get one of us kids (usually me) to crawl up on the cupboard in the basement, blow off the thick layer of dust and carefully, oh so carefully, bring down the boxes of delicate glass ornaments.

"Remember this star grandma gave us", someone would say, "And the Santa and Mrs. Claus bells strung with golden threads". On the very bottom of one of the biggest boxes was a much smaller package. Tattered and worn, held together by yellowing pieces of scotch tape and an old elastic, was the box with the nativity scene.

The scene was 20 years old, 20 years ago, and had a real thatched roof. It never lit up or played music, but when it was assembled and put on the T.V. or under the tree, it couldn't have been better.

As a preschooler, the Christmas holiday meant having my aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents together. I know now that with 14 of us under 15 years old, our parents could hardly have called it a holiday.

For myself and my younger sister, it meant getting new matching dresses (I used to wonder why parents did that). My brothers were also dressed alike in crisp white dress shirts and thin black ties. I have an album full of Christmas family portraits where the five of us were lined up like stairs, in front of the Christmas tree.

Christmas meant trying to save enough of the Saturday matinee money to get dad a 50 cent bottle of Old Spice aftershave (today it costs \$2.25) and mom a stick of bright red

lipstick, that, if I'm not mistaken, still sits in the bathroom cabinet. Funny, she seemed to really like it at the time.

Christmas meant having a special meal at suppertime. Aside from the traditional golden basted turkey and crispy stuffing, we had juicy pork meat pies and those delicately spiced sausages that my grandmere would spend hours rolling and frying.

My dad's side gave us piles of pyrogys bursting with mashed potatoes or cottage cheese, smothered in onion butter and cream. Baba would make hundreds of tiny holuptsi — the rice and bits of bacon neatly tucked into carefully cut sour cabbage leaves, lined snugly into roasters.

If the main course wasn't enough, one could sample one or all of the dozen of different squares that had been stashed out of sight until supper. The peanut buttery marshmallow ones, coconut walnut balls, icing sugary chocolate covered bars or the homemade donuts. Yes, the homemade donuts are still my favorite.

Enjoying Christmas dinner in Fishing Lake, I've learned that it wouldn't be the same without bowls of ruby red hand-picked cranberries cooked and generously sweetened ...

crusty steaming hot bannock buns spread with fresh butter or jam ... topped off with 1/5th of the apple, cherry or raisin pie baked the night before.

Christmas means that the whole family, on my inlaws side, with the help of two 10 ft tables, is able to eat at the same time, all together. We now number over two dozen. It gets a little hectic for those sitting in the middle, what with passing things back and forth. There's always more than enough to eat and no one gets up (if once they've eaten they can get up) until they've had their fill.

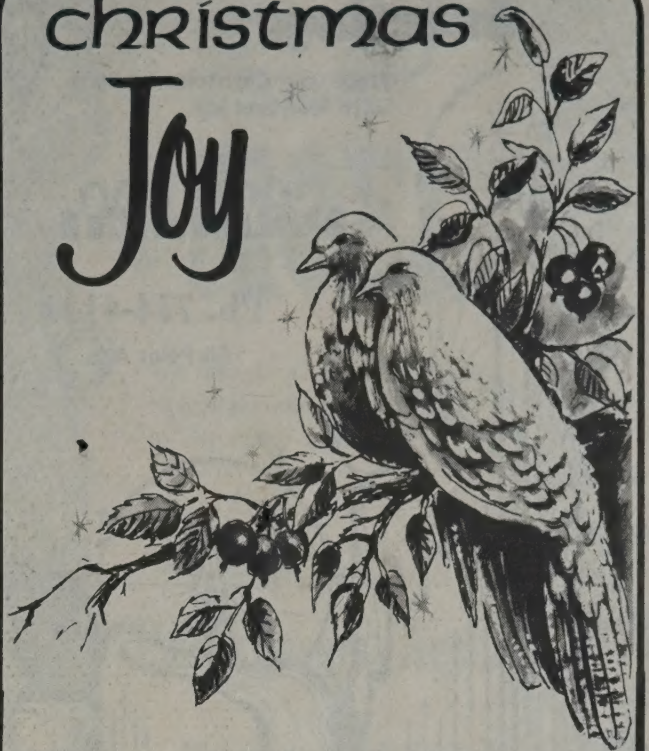
Christmas now means explaining to my two-year-old son about the baby in the manger he sees displayed outside the neighbors house. Why Jesus' mother is called Mary and why all the animals are in, what looks to be, the baby's bedroom.

It means convincing him that even though the song says "Santa is Coming to Town" he will find us out here in the country and, for this time, because there is fire in the chimney, Santa might come through the door.

As for next year, who knows what new meanings Christmas will bring to me and my family. One thing is for certain, it will still mean family and friends, giving and receiving.

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Diane Parenteau
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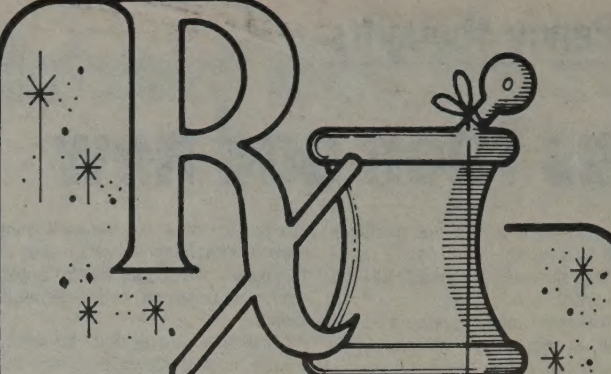
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Mistletoe- friend or foe

By Irene Magnusson

Mistletoe, a viney parasite plant, dependent on other trees of the forest for its life, has long been seen in decorations around Christmas time. Besides being a pretty, green-leaved, white-berried ornamental sprig, what else has it to say?

According to my Everybody's Cyclopaedia, circa 1911, this winter-bearing plant was sacred to the Druids of early times, in Merrye Olde England. In Scandinavian mythology, there is a story: Loki, the wicked spirit, hated Balder, the favorite of the gods, so made an arrow of mistletoe and gave it to the blind god of darkness, Hader, to test. Hader shot the arrow off, and killed Balder by mistake. Balder was then restored to life. The mistletoe arrow was given to the goddess of love to keep, with everyone passing under it receiving a kiss as proof that it was an emblem of love, and not of hate or death.

So if someone catches you under the mistletoe, and kisses you, they are trying to prove something.

There are several varieties of mistletoe, some more deadly to their host trees than others. The dwarf mistletoe, in the United States, damages a lot of coniferous trees, as it draws all its sustenance from the host tree. The evergreen variety gets some nourishment elsewhere, so doesn't kill the tree it lives on.

The sick reindeer

By Brent Martin

Grade 5, Clandonald School

One Christmas night the flu struck the north pole. All of the reindeer were sick in bed. Santa and the elves were worried they would have to make it. They got all different kinds vehicles, the elves put presents on each one and took off. The joy of Christmas was still used.

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The Christmas concert that wasn't

By Irene Magnusson
Elk Point Correspondent

The year was 1930. Along with my brothers and sisters, I attended a country school, a one-roomer, with a wood-eating furnace in one corner, one teacher and about thirty kids, in grades one to eight. A typical country school of the time, it stood two and a half miles from our house, down a windy, rutted road, about an hour's walk away.

In other years, our school closed for the winter months, and we went all summer. Now we were going modern. We had a new young teacher. She was all gung-ho to keep the classes going all winter, with a summer vacation, like the town schools had. Among other things town schools had, which we had never had, were annual Christmas concerts.

This year we were going to have a Christmas concert. Miss Pinder had oodles of books, with plays, songs, pantomimes, recitations — the works. Around the first of November the decision was reached. We would have a Christmas concert.

Plays were selected and characters cast. Songs were decided upon, and voices tested for ability to carry a tune. Recitations were chosen and assigned. Some accepted their roles with reluctance, others gladly, as an adventure and a challenge. I was one of those.

I was so enthusiastic as I set about learning my part in the little play, and ALL the words of "Silent Night", "Good King Wenceslas" (there are

five verses, did you know?) and several other Christmas carols, that I also undertook to browbeat my younger brothers and sisters into learning their parts, letter perfect. We practiced every night at home, as well as after last recess every day at school.

And we were getting good. Mothers at home were starting to think what to make our 'costumes' out of — and it was a challenge. There was no money lying around for such un-necessaries as this — Depression Years, remember? As I recall it, mothers made very near everything in those days. They baked the bread, knit the socks, sewed the pants and

shirts, dresses and coats, and stitched flour sacks into sheets and then sewed patches onto any or all of these when they became worn.

Mothers made toys, in the dark of night while we were sleeping, and nighties and mittens, and painted little blocks of wood, if they had any paint, for their children. Mothers told stories to amuse their kids, and let them roll little gobs of dough into grubby cookies when they baked.

We studied hard for our concert. I had been to one or two in years past, to the school in town, and once there was a concert at the church. This time we would be in it, right up front

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The Christmas concert that wasn't

(Cont. from Prev. Page)

— our school. There was talk of someone coming to build us a stage. A line would be put up to hang sheets on for a curtain. Someone would bring their Coleman gas lantern. We would decorate the school with streamers. All the parents would come, of course.

Unfortunately for our concert, and all our rehearsals, the weatherman decided against us. For two solid weeks the temperature dipped to 30 below zero every night, and hardly raised above that during the day. Our drafty, uninsulated, old log homes were shivery cold, even a few feet from the roaring heaters, but worse yet, Dad wouldn't let us go to school.

Of course he was a wise man, looking to the safety of his brood. My brothers were delighted. They didn't have to study. They hadn't been too

excited about the concert anyway. But they did get to split and carry in a huge amount of firewood, interspersed with reading their Western magazines, playing rummy and wrestling each other all over the place.

I seethed and fumed, to no avail. It was too far and too cold and too much snow, which the wind kept blowing about to fill in the sleigh tracks we walked in. And I could darn well stay home until it warmed up, help my mother, and quit complaining.

Expecting it to be better every day, I kept rehearsing the younger kids — and myself. There would be a concert — if I just willed it strongly enough.

The two weeks went by. We heard the school was open; somehow the teacher got there. I think the family she boarded with drove her in their cutter. A few kids, who lived much

nearer the school than we did, got there most days — at least the older ones. But certainly there weren't enough to continue the concert. It was cancelled.

We all went over in the afternoon of the last day before Christmas, with the team slugging along through the heavy snow, runners creaking and groaning, hay and robes in the box to keep us warm. The mothers took sandwiches or buns.

We exchanged little gifts we had made for each other, we got our little bag with candy, peanuts and orange from the teacher (or school board, I forget which), and we exchanged the hand-made cards we'd been working on before the cold set in, and gave the best one to teacher.

We ate the lunch and went home to put up our Christmas trees and enjoy another couple of weeks of holiday before going back in the new year. I was not so peculiar that I didn't enjoy holidays, but I surely regretted not having that concert.

As it turned out, next year we had a teacher who was not interested in trying to produce a concert, and the following year I was out of school, having finished grade eight.

There was a concert that year, and at home I helped my little sisters and brothers learn their parts. I remember my sister, Ethel, who was about eight by then, sang "Away in a Manger", and I thought she looked like an angel, up there on that home-made stage, in white cheesecloth and tinsel costume, wings outlined in sparkles under the lantern light, and her blond hair around her shoulders. I was so proud of her. She sang like an angel, too.

For all the memories I have of Christmases past, the school concert that wasn't remains very clear. Do kids have Christmas concerts anymore?

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Sweets and treats

By Diane Parenteau
Fishing Lake Correspondent

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2 beaten eggs
1/2 cup margarine
1/2 lb. dates finely chopped
Boil 2 minutes. Remove from heat.

Add:
1/2 cup rice cereal
1/2 cup chopped nuts
1 tsp. vanilla
Cool, shape into little balls and roll in coconut.

Almond Rocha

1/4 lb. butter (room temperature)
1/2 cup white sugar
1/4 cup sliced almonds
2 tsp. water

Put ingredients in cold electric frying pan. Turn to 400 degrees F. Cook and stir for 8 minutes. Pour onto foil. Spread thin. Cool. Spread with 2 squares semi sweet chocolate. When the chocolate dries, break it into bite sized pieces.

Nanaimo Bars

1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup sugar
5 Tbsp. cocoa
1 tsp. vanilla
1 egg
2 cups graham crumbs
1 cup coconut
1/2 cp chopped walnuts

Place softened butter in bowl. Add sugar, cocoa, vanilla and egg. Set

bowl over pan of boiling water. Stir until butter has melted and mixture resembles custard. Combine crackers, coconut and nuts. Blend well. Add to custard mixture. Pack evenly into 9" pan and cover with the following:

1/4 cup butter
3 Tbsp. milk
2 Tbsp. vanilla custard pudding
2 cups sifted icing sugar

Cream butter. Add milk that has been combined with custard pudding powder, then blend with icing sugar. (A couple of drops of either red or green food coloring can make the squares look more Christmassy.) Spread over chocolate base and let stand 15 minutes or more to harden. Melt 4 squares semi-sweet chocolate with 1 Tbsp. butter and spread over chocolate custard icing. Sprinkle shredded coconut to resemble snow. Cool and cut into bars.



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Christmas is a time to pray. Christmas is a time to love. Christmas is a time to decorate your tree. Christmas is a time when Santa Claus comes down the chimney. Christmas is a time for having fun in the snow. Christmas is a very busy time for the elves. Christmas is a time to take a break from work. Christmas is a time for feasting.

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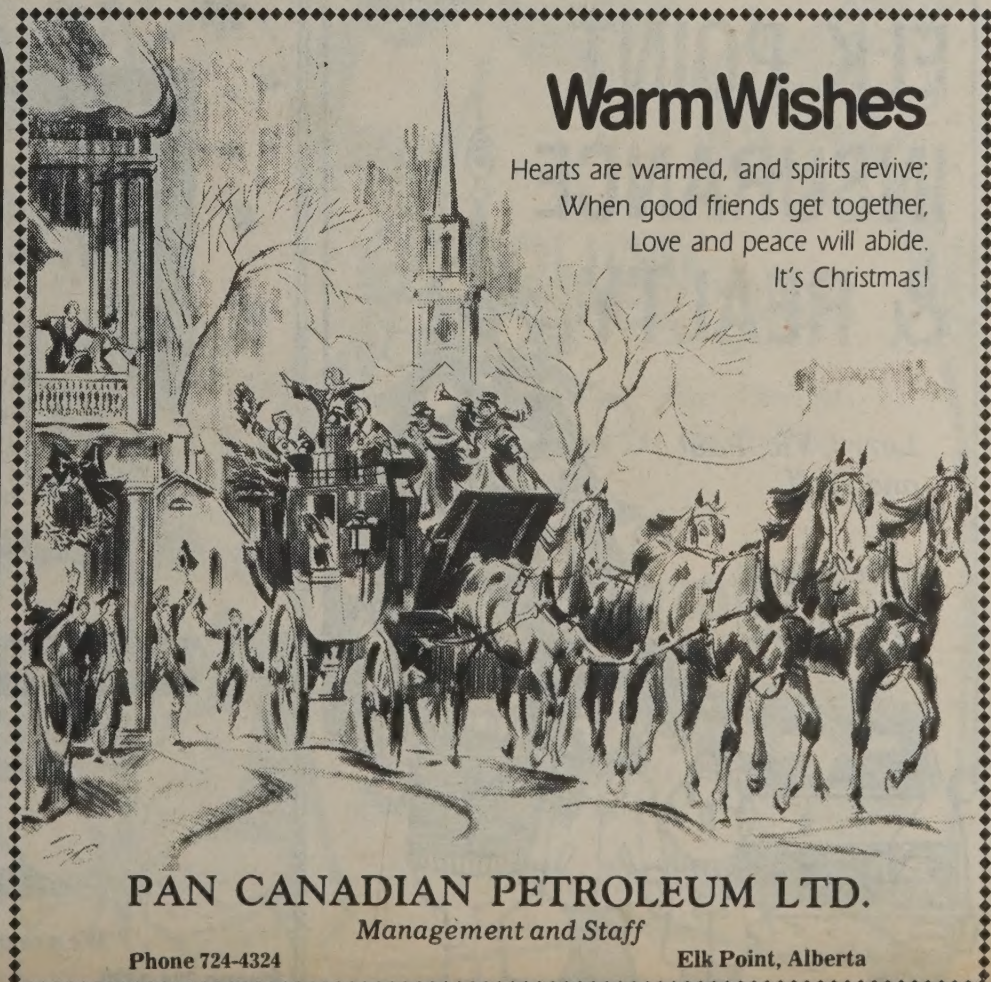
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Preparing for Christmas - more than presents, parties and good food

By Pastor John McGregor
Elk Point Baptist Church

It's frantic! The baking, the present buying, the house cleaning, the visiting, the parties and activities, the banquets. And all of this is just to prepare us for Christmas.

Christmas is when we think of family, home, of church and a special loving season of the year, but Christmas is a time when personal problems can be at their greatest. There are the bills, the things we wish we could buy, the people we wish we could speak to or see. In the midst of the business of

trying frantically to be happy, what we really need is to return to some simple basics.

In the Gospel of Luke and the first chapter, we read the story of Elizabeth the wife of Zachariah, the priest. She was a woman with a personal problem. Her problem was unseen to most, her appearance was normal, her position in society very good, her character was impeccable. The personal problems that we face are just like Elizabeth's — they are deep in the heart. Her problem was that she was childless, and her life seemed not to know real fulfillment,

in fact the Bible reveals that she felt reproach from others. Perhaps this Christmas you have a personal problem — it might be emotional, perhaps it's loneliness or sickness, or sorrow, perhaps it's the constant struggle to find fulfillment in life.

There is one part of the Christmas preparations that I want to bring to your attention — the reason for Christmas is Christ, and in Luke 1:25 Elizabeth says that God took away her reproach. He who came to bring peace can do that in your heart this Christmas. God granted Elizabeth a son and she said "the Lord has done this for me" Here is real hope for each one of us as we struggle with personal problems. God cares about that need. Jesus was born that first Christmas so that we could find real answers to the real problems of life. In Christ we can find peace because as we come to Him and personally receive Him into our hearts and lives by prayer. He can cleanse us from guilt and sin and give us a new reason and purpose for living.

The presents can be all bought and carefully wrapped, the physical preparations can be all made. Even with all this accomplished, there is no guarantee of a truly happy Christmas. In this very special season, have you forgotten to prepare your heart? Does the Prince of Peace, the Lord Jesus Christ live there? Elizabeth's son was born to prepare the way for the coming Saviour, and unless we have prepared our hearts to love and obey our Lord and Saviour perhaps we've forgotten to make the most vital preparation of all.

As you finalize the preparations for Christmas in your life and home this year, remember God took care of Elizabeth's personal problems and He can take care of yours too. If you are preparing for a happy and peaceful Christmas, remember the essential guest is the Lord Jesus Christ in your heart.

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Christmas memories

By Shirley Osinchuk
Clandonald Correspondent

Where would one begin?

There was the Christmas morning when I was four, living upstairs in my Grandparents' big house on the hill. The family Christmas tree was in their diningroom on the main floor. Under that tree were two baby dolls for me. I immediately named the boy doll "Robert", after my baby brother, and the girl doll was "Hilda", after a favourite relative.

Two years later, while visiting my other grandparents, I made my "stage debut". That was the year that Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was born, and I was chosen to sing his song at a Christmas Concert.

During the "Ontario" half of my life, Christmas took a traditional pattern, of Christmas eve and Christmas morning at home, then driving to relatives' homes or welcoming them to ours for the rest of the day. There was always carol singing. Mom or Grandma played the piano and the rest of us sang along, with even some good harmony.

In the late teen years, it became the habit to attend a large Anglican Cathedral in Ottawa with friends to hear Handel's "Messiah" played and sung at midnight, Christmas Eve. What a moving way to begin Christmas Day!

Then on into the "Alberta" half of my life, there were those three wonderful Christmases in 1968, 1971, and 1974, when we introduced new babies to the joys of Christmas. In those years too, we were at home Christmas morning, then travelled to Grandparents' later in the day to say for a visit. Mom Osinchuk loved to decorate, cook and make the time special and exciting for the children (which included all of us).

Later in the day there was music, too, with guitars, violin and singing with our Osinchuk relatives. I'm so thankful to belong to two musical families.

Our Christmas eve supper and Church is in Clandonald with our church family, who are a very close, important part of our family.

There was the Christmas morning when the two little boys in our family got up early, sorted all the gifts into piles, then carefully saved all the tags for Mom. They handed them to me, all removed from the parcels. They had learned the "save the tags" part. Then Sherlock Shirley had to try to figure out who had sent each gift.

Most of the memories are connected to childhood or our children.

The best Christmas, though, was in 1966. With plans for a personal 1967 Centennial project, Richard and I visited the airline office early in November to book a flight. We talked the ticket agent into selling us two tickets for Christmas Day, and Family Fare to return on Jan. 3. We took off on Air Canada on Christmas morning, to fly to Ottawa. What courage! The only member of my family he had met was a cousin. He was going there to spend a week with my family and then get married. He still says that he wasn't nervous.

Christmas morning 1966 was not the best weather. Instead of flying

direct to Toronto, the plane had to land at Winnipeg, then on to Toronto and an extra long stop-over there. Of course, there had to be several phone calls to Ottawa to keep changing the arrival time.

I was nervous! Here I was, bringing a man home to marry him. What if they misunderstood when they saw that he wore cowboy boots and hat for dress wear? Only "hard rocks" wore them in Ottawa at that time.

I didn't need to worry. As always, he could make conversation with anyone, and was soon right at home with all the family. Gran Duncan gave him the usual instructions to look after me, and Gran Duff had him

playing crib and eating smoked oysters late at night.

We were married on New Year's Day, and flew home the next to go back to work.

This Christmas, I'll be "home for the holidays, if only in my dreams", and we will be laughing over the "family affair" that was our wedding, and celebrating our twentieth anniversary on New Year's Day 1987.

May your New Year start off on a happy note, and continue so all year. Grandparents' later in the day to stay for a visit. Mom Osinchuk loved to decorate, cook and make the time special and exciting for the children (which included all of us).



LONG AGO AND FAR AWAY — Shirley Osinchuk gets her stocking ready for Santa on Christmas Eve, 1946.

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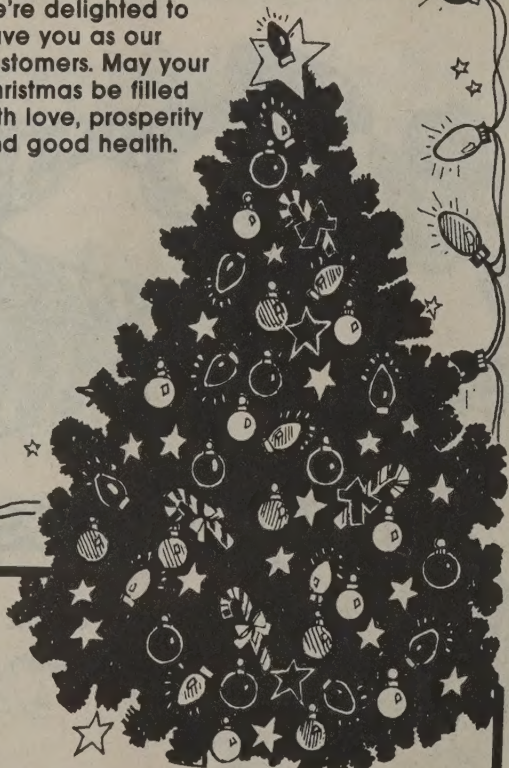
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Santa Claus meets the Carebears

By Lynsey Tyler

Grade 6, Clandonald School

"That's the last one, Santa," said Pokey as he put the last sack into the sleigh. "Oh," he said, "I'm bushed. Let's have some hot chocolate, Santa."

"I can't. I have to get going if I want to make my rounds tonight. Good-bye." Santa hopped into his sled. Woosh! He was off in the sky.

After a little while he ran into a storm. It was an awful storm!

"I'd better put her down," he murmured. He put the sled down on the only place he could. He landed on a cloud. He looked around. This was no

ordinary cloud. Suddenly he saw a pink bear.

"Hello," the mysterious bear said, "I'm Cheer Bear."

"Oh," Santa replied. "I'm ..."

"I know. You're Santa Claus. We all know you."

"I'm sorry I intruded. There was a thunderstorm and I had to put my sleigh down somewhere."

"That's okay. Would you like to meet my friends, Santa?" Cheer Bear said cheerfully.

"That would be nice," Santa exclaimed.

Cheer Bear led him into a big room with a large table. The Care Bears were sitting around it.

"Hi!" all the Care Bears said.

"Oh, please. You have to help me. It is late and I need to deliver all the gifts."

"We would love to," said Good Luck voluntarily. "We can use our cloud cars and take a sack each."

"Great! But we have to be fast," Santa said.

They doubled up in cloud cars and grabbed a sack each.

When they had finished they went into their meeting room. They found that Santa had already gone. On the table there was a sack and a piece of paper. Share Bear read it aloud.

"Here's a note from Santa. It says: Dear Care Bears. Thank you so much for all that you did. If it weren't for you I wouldn't have delivered all the gifts. There are presents for all of you in that sack. Merry Christmas. Santa."

Then Grumpy, as he dug into the sack for his presents, said "This was the merriest Christmas ever!"



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Memories of Christmases long past

By Vicki Brooker

Christmas ... can any other word evoke so many precious memories, as we think back to our childhood days? From thirty-odd years ago, and three-hundred-thirty-odd miles away, those long ago days glitter down the hallways of my mind, no more dimmed than the shimmer of my mother's Christmas ornaments that now hang on my family's tree each year.

In our home, the emphasis of Christmas was always far more on giving than on receiving. From mid-November on, a steady stream of cards and parcels made its way from our home to the post office. Mother had lists of friends and relatives over two hundred names long to whom cards went each year, many with newsy letters enclosed. Needless to say, postage in those days was only 4 cents per card, or 5 cents with a letter.

Parcels contained everything from homemade fruitcakes and plum puddings (the puddings travelled very well in marmalade cans, the cakes in their thick coats of almond paste and royal icing were a little more difficult to pack for transport), to hand-knitted socks, slippers and sweaters, to little treats such as jelly powders for the English relatives, where such items were hard to obtain. Most of the gifts were small and inexpensive, as times were not that good in Canada either, but as Mother always said, it was the thought which counted. The parcels for England, I recall, were always taped securely into cardboard boxes, using the brown paper "sticky tape" you moistened with a sponge, then sewed into sugar sacks, then wrapped again in brown paper, with more sticky tape, after the names and addresses of sender and recipient were carefully printed on each layer of wrapping.

One big parcel, destined for my eldest sister and her family in Vancouver, was trundled off to the CPR station and sent express. A week or two later, another trip to the express office was necessary to pick up another parcel, coming from her end of the Vancouver-Calgary run. About that same time, packages spotted with green declaration slips and colored stickers began to find their way into our mailbox, along with large numbers of Christmas cards and letters.

The 'giving' was still not over, as Mother and my other sister spent countless hours baking cookies and decorating more fruitcakes, many of them tiny ones, meant to be given to a number of elderly folk who lived on their own. On more than one trip to town, the back seat of Father's 1939 Pontiac was filled with parcels of goodies to be hand delivered to these old friends.

Pre-Christmas shopping trips were always fun, even for a little girl with perhaps \$2 of carefully hoarded allowance to spend. Eatons, the Bay and all the other stores along Calgary's 8th Avenue were decked out for the holidays, with their big show windows providing a fantasyland for all the youngsters passing by.

The toylands, with long lineups to see Santa Claus and huge, operating model train displays, were especially exciting. It was as if the Christmas catalogues, pored over from the day they arrived, had suddenly come to life and were all spread out on shelves for admiring at close range.

Outside the big department stores were the Salvation Army members, ringing their bells as they tended their donation kettles. Mother always contributed what change she could spare to the kettles, and asked that I should fish a few pennies out of my little purse too, "because there are many people worse off than we are."

Other stops on these shopping trips were at the grocery store, where wooden crates of Japanese oranges,

paper bags of mixed nuts in their shells, jars of mincemeat, packages of cranberries and a 25 pound turkey, ordered weeks in advance, joined the usual collection of foodstuffs in the shopping cart. Then we had to stop at the Boy Scouts' Christmas tree lot, where Father tried to find the best-looking specimen at a reasonable cost — in those days, about a dollar. Unlike the people in more northern parts of the province, we prairie folks couldn't go out and cut our own trees, at least not without a 60 or 70 mile drive, and in the winter, my Father just didn't believe in getting that far away from home.

At last, it was time to get ready for the big day. The Christmas paper-covered orange box (remember those big, double-decker crates that were so useful for storage and low-budget furnishing?) was hauled out of the closet, set in front of the front room window, and the Christmas tree, firmly planted in a two-gallon cream can of dirt, was set on top — often after judicious pruning and maybe even rearranging of branches by my sister.

Then the ancient cardboard boxes of ornaments were carefully lifted down from the cupboard in the den, and the precious glass globes and the star of silver-covered cardboard fastened into place on the tree. The old folder of used and reused tinsel icicles was opened, and each strand carefully arranged until the whole tree glittered in the light of the Coleman gas lamp.

The presents were brought forth from all their hiding places, and stacked in and around the orange boxes. The two brass bowls were taken down from their display spot on the top of Father's drop-front desk and polished to a golden gleam before being filled with nuts and oranges.

The Christmas eve preparations complete, the whole family settled down to listen to the radio, where the stories of the *Littlest Angel*, the *Unhappy Prince* and Dickens' *Christmas Carol* were broadcast every year. Then it was time to hang up my long, white cotton stocking (those held a lot more than today's fancy felt ones!) on the buffet drawer knob, and hurry off to bed before Santa Claus came.

Christmas morning, the first sounds were of Father shaking the grates of the coal cookstove. Then the radio would be turned on, and through the crackle of static from BBC Radio in London, England, would come the Queen's Christmas message. As I listened, I dug ever

deeper into the wonders of my stocking — all the way down to the orange in the toe.

After breakfast, the menfolk went out to haul in water and coal, Mother stuffed the turkey and put it to roast, and my sister and I brought out the presents to heap in individual piles on the table. When the men came back indoors, it was time to unwrap the gifts and admire all our new treasures — even if many of them took the form of new socks or other clothing, sweet-smelling soaps or other practical items. There were always a few books, some games and several toys for me — it helps to be the baby of the family! On one memorable Christmas morning, the best gift of all was too big to be wrapped: a shiny red wagon from my big brother, a true delight to the eyes of a four-year-old girl!

The rest of Christmas day was fairly quiet — playing with new toys, reading new books, munching an occasional chocolate, listening to Bing Crosby dreaming of a White Christmas on the radio, smelling the turkey cooking ...

And then, about four o'clock, we all sprang back into action. The table had to be pulled out to full length, the big white-and-yellow cloth spread over it, the brass candlesticks put in its middle, and places set with the best dishes and the real silver flatware. We all hurried to put on our Sunday best clothes for this most festive meal of the year.

Turkey, two kinds of stuffing, gravy, potatoes, carrots, sometimes even Brussels Sprouts ... who had room for plum pudding and custard? No one, but we ate it anyway — and let out our belts a notch.

After the dishes were cleared away, the grown-ups played cards — usually Bridge — while I enjoyed my toys for a while more. Then about 10 p.m., it was time for tea and Christmas cake — which doubled as a birthday cake for sister Noel, who was a Christmas baby.

Ahh ... those were the good, old days!

Here's Santa

By Kyle Braithwaite
Grade 2, Clandonald School

All about Santa. He has a long beard. He has rosey cheeks like ripe apples. He has eight reindeer. There names are: Dasher, Vixen, Prancer, Comet, Cupid, Donner, Blixen, Dancer. He has one hundred elves. (Unedited version)



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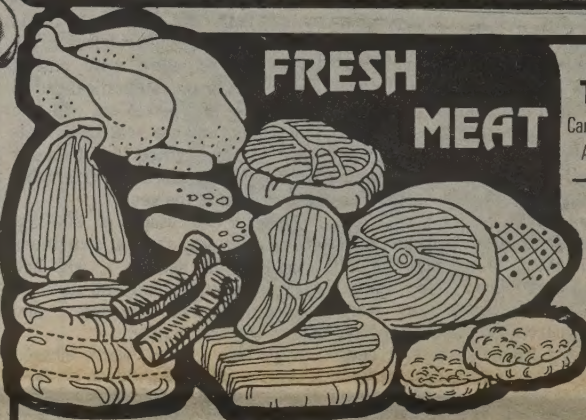


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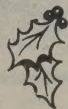
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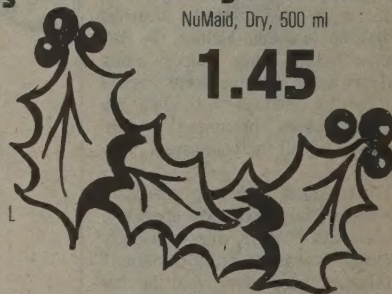
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